

Josiah Johnson to George Washington, December 20, 1769, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM THE REVEREND JOSIAH JOHNSON. ¹

Decr. 20th. 1769.

SIR/

It is with great Pleasure I now sit down to inform you, that it is now in my Power to contribute my little Mite of Service to one of the gallant Defenders of his their Country. Nor shou'd I (however cautious it may be necessary to be in general) have hesitated a Moment to have given my hearty Assent, when you first did me the Honor of applying to me on the Subject of appointing Mr. Crawford Surveyor of ye. 200,000 Acres² specified, had I not been apprehensive, that it might interfere with a prior Engagement I lay under to Mr. May. While this doubt subsisted, Col. Washington wou'd, I am confident, have condemned me, if I had entered upon a new Resolution; but it is now totally removed, & he may depend upon my Concurrence.

I am Sr./ with great Respect Your very humble Servant JOSIAH JOHNSON.

¹ Rev. Josiah Johnson, master of grammar school, William and Mary, married Mildred Moody, May 26, 1768. He died in 1773, leaving no issue.

² The land on the Ohio granted by Virginia to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia regiment who served in the French and Indian War.